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SUBJ: BANK WORKERS MAKE FURTHER CHARGES ON PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. APRIL 23 REPORT PREPARED BY BANCO TOTTA E ACORES (BTA) UNION COMMITTEE AND RELAYED BY LISBON BANK WORKER'S UNION CHARGES THAT BANK WAS USED AS CHANNEL FOR 460,000 DOLLARS TO POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPD) AND 197,000 DOLLARS TO CENTER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDS).

2. AMONG NAMES INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THESE DONATIONS ARE JOSE MANUEL DE MELLO (OF THE CUF FAMILY WHICH RAN BTA), JOSE SIMOES DE ALMEIDA, AND AFONSO PINTO DE MAGALHAES (FORMER CHAIRMAN OF BANK OF SAME NAME).

3. REPORT SAID BANK WORKERS ARE REFRAINING FROM COMMENTING
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ON USES TO WHICH FUNDS WERE PUT; THEY ARE ONLY POINTING OUT

ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL DONATIONS BY SETTING UP DUMMY CORPORATION,
EXTENSIVE USE OF CASHIER'S CHECKS, AND CHANNELING THROUGH
PRIVATE ACCOUNTS.

4. COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF REPORT ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE
ELECTIONS IS CONTINUATION OF CAMPAIGN BY BANK WORKERS
TO SMEAR MODERATE PPD AND CDS WITH TAINT OF SUPPORT BY OLD
ECONOMIC POWERS. CAMPAIGN BEGAN WITH MARCH 16 AND APRIL 1
PRESS CONFERENCES CONDEMNING DONATIONS
TO "FASCIST" PARTIES--INCLUDING PPD--BY BANCO ESPIRITO SANTO
(REFTELS).
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